

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment seeks to correct minor errors in the original and amended priority claims submitted in connection with this application. This amendment does not add new matter. The following remarks are to provide clarification of the rather complicated priority chain for this application.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/355,072, filed 07/21/99, now U.S. Patent No. 6,337,479, which is a National Phase filing of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US98/01528, filed January 21, 1998 (Pub. WO 98/34092).

However, PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US98/01528 is itself a CIP of eight other applications (seven U.S. applications and one PCT application), most of which are CIP's of multiple (as many as seven) other applications. All told, PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US98/01528 has 10 U.S. applications and two PCT applications in its various priority chains. They are as follows:

U.S. Applications

1. App. No. 08/281,883, filed 07/28/94, now abandoned
2. App. No. 08/412,380, filed 03/29/95 now abandoned
3. App. No. 08/506,516, filed 07/24/95, now U.S. Patent No. 5,751,683
4. App. No. 08/538,588, filed 10/03/95 now abandoned
5. App. No. 08/613,982, filed 03/04/96, now U.S. Patent No. 5,756,997
6. App. No. 08/776,361, filed 05/16/97 now U.S. Patent No. 6,339,217
7. App. No. 08/786,623, filed 01/21/97, now abandoned
8. App. No. 08/827,953, filed 04/06/97, now abandoned
9. App. No. 08/885,014, filed 07/01/97, now U.S. Patent No. 6,144,028
10. App. No. 08/906,602, filed 12/10/96, now U.S. Patent No. 6,265,711

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11. PCT App. No. PCT/US95/09553, filed 07/28/95 (Pub. WO 96/03641)
12. PCT App. No. PCT/US96/12255, filed 07/24/96 (Pub. WO 97/04449)
13. PCT App. No. PCT/US98/01528, filed 01/21/98 (Pub. WO 98/34092)

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it does not touch the merits.

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